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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :
Gruskin, et al. : Confirmation No. 6177
Application No.: 10/524,495 : Group Art Unit: not yet assigned
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For: CHIMERIC PROTEINS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

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Sir:

Prior to the first office action in the above referenced application, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3.